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SUBJECT: RELIEF PROGRAM SOUTH SUDAN - UNHCR

REF: A) KHARTOUM 2571; B) STATE 224203

1. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED BEST AVAILABLE ESTIMATES WOULD INDICATE THAT THERE ARE NO RPTNO UNMET NEEDS IN EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM FOR RETURNING REFUGEES. UNHCR HAS TACITLY CONFIRMED THIS IN AIDE-MEMOIRE ON SUDAN RELIEF PROGRAM WHICH PRINCE SADRUDDIN LEFT WITH KELLOGG (S/R) ON NOVEMBER 29. THIS DID NOT RPT NOT REQUEST RESTORAL OF SHORTFALL IN FOOD BUT INSTEAD ASKED FOR DOLLARS 100,000 FOR AIRLIFT OF DURA AND LOCAL CURRENCY EQUIVALENT OF DOLLARS 100,000 FOR JUBA BRIDGE AND RELATED PROJECTS.

2. VOLAG CALLS FORWARD UNDER FY 74 PROGRAM ANOTHER IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DICATOR THAT NO SHORTAGES FOR FEEDING PROGRAM EXIST. AS

OF END NOVEMBER 30 PERCENT OF COMMODITIES UNDER FY 74
RPGORAM HAD NOT BEEN CALLED FOR. EVEN IF THESE COMMODITIES
WERE REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY THEY WOULD NOT BE ARRIVING
SUDAN UNTIL TOWARD END OF FY 74.

3. NEEDS UNDER EMERGENCY PHASE THUS SEEM ADEQUATELY ANTI-
CIPATED AND FY 74 COMMODITIES EN-ROUTE AND AWAITING CALL
SEEM AMPLE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF NEW ARRIVALS.

4. FOR GENEVA - IN RESPONSE TO UNHCR AIDE-MEMOIRE, MIS-
SION SHOULD TACTIFULLY BUT FIRMLY ADVISE UNHCR THAT NO
RPT NO FURTHER CASH CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH UNHCR FOR
SUDAN PROGRAM ENVISAGED. AS MISSION AWARE CASH PORTION
OF US PLEDGE TOTALLY FULFILLED, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT
US ON BILATERAL BASIS HAS RELEASED 54,000 US-OWEND
SUDANESE POUNDS TO GOS TO HELP FINANCE INTERNAL AIRLIFT
BUT THIS UNRELATED TO EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR RETURNING
REFUGEES. IN DISCUSSION MISSION SHOULD DRAW UPON EXCEL-
LENT POINTS MADE PARA 7 REF A BUT USE HEDGED FORMULA-
TION PARA 2 REF B IN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE
IN FY 74 PROGRAM IF NEEDS DEVELOP.

5. FOR KHARTOUM - ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO
BE MORE FORTHCOMING AS YOU RECOMMENDED, WE SIMPLY
UNABLE GO BEYOND WILLINGNESS TO "CONSIDER" DUE TO SEVERE
CURRENT SHORTAGES IN TITLE II COMMODITIES AND URGENT
EMERGENCY DEMANDS ELSEWHERE, E.G. SAHIL AND ETHIOPIAN
DROUGHT.

6. AS FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDING MAY COME FROM UNHCR EX-
PLANATION TO GOS, EMBASSY MAY WISH CONSIDER MAKING ITS
OWN EXPLANATION AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL GOS. RUSH

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